

**TOTTERDOWN RESIDENTS
ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSOCIATION (TRESA)**

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 9 May 2006

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PRESENT:

Tim Sterling
Patrick Hulme
Kate Pollard
Suzanne Audrey
Margaret Davis
Helen Sterling
Steve Sayers
Ed Bramall

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Kerry Chester

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last two meetings, the TRESA Committee meeting held on 13 March and the TRESA Members Meeting held on April 24th, were agreed.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND THE OPEN MEETING

TRESA now has 45 members including the Committee. Ed has designed membership card and a welcoming letter which he will send out to new members.

Membership is for a calendar year and renewal will be required in January 2007. Some couples have applied to join jointly. It was confirmed that membership is per person otherwise only one of them has a voting right. Existing members who may have misunderstood, will be contacted in order to confirm this. Future membership details will be made more explicit. Following a recent misunderstanding, it was reaffirmed that potential joinees who live outside the TRESA catchment area are welcome to take part in projects as guests. However the constitution states that they will be unable to join TRESA or vote.

The Members Meeting on 24 April had been a positive one with general approval of *Talk of Totterdown* expressed. Other points arising from it: 1. The Garden Festival's 'competition encouragement' leaflets were criticised by one delegate; 2. The Arena issue had drawn by far the most discussion; 3. Members' meetings will alternate with Committee meetings – June's will be a members meeting.

4 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance report - TRESA has £343-97 in the bank, now including £200 raised from The Lounge for *Talk of Totterdown*.

Funds & Funding – an application for funds from eg *Awards for All* for a project to include the Garden Festival would provide a way to finance TRESA's planned activities. A suitable project could include the Garden Festival and expenses accrued in developing it eg admin, producing a colour issue of *Talk of Totterdown* and the website fee. However time is now very short as there is an 8-week turn around on this grant.

5 **CONTACT FROM NEW TACA CHAIR**

An email received from the Chair of TACA/TNCCG, Tony Coll, proposed TACA/TNCCG having the role of an umbrella group for various other local groups. The TRESA Committee were unanimously against TRESA being anything other than an independent and unaffiliated group (and, in any event, the constitution describes TRESA's status). It was agreed that the following email would be sent in reply:

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your email which has now been discussed by the TRESA committee.

We would like to make clear it that, while TRESA hopes to enjoy good relationships with local organisations and individuals, we are an independent group. To avoid any conflict of interest we do not wish to be affiliated to any other organisation or umbrella group.

Best wishes,

*Tim Sterling (TRESA Chair).
For and on behalf of TRESA.*

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council Elections now being over, the meeting expressed regret in respect of Christopher Orlik's defeat in view of his hard work locally and support of TRESA. There will not be an official TRESA response as this could be expressed individually. Alf is our new Councillor - we will write a welcoming email with a meeting invitation.

7 **LOCAL ISSUES & PLANNING etc**

There had been a local meeting the previous night regarding the **waste transfer nuisance problems** now causing acute distress to people living in Upper Totterdown. Waste transfer shed noise in St Philips – despite Environmental Health setting noise limits - continue to be intolerable. Protesters, rather than aiming to close down the businesses, want to pressurise

them to enclose their sheds in order to reduce noise breakout.

This includes long term monitoring and videoing to show how the businesses are breaching their conditions – possibly in order to take them to Court. [Monitoring assistance is requested.](#) Councillors will be contacted next. [If a mass email is needed, Margaret will contact the Secretary to organise one.](#) It was agreed that the protest group could be a TRESA subgroup without needing to join TRESA.

Another noise and safety nuisance was discussed – use of **go-peds and mini-motorbikes** locally. An article with photos has been written for *Talk of Totterdown* with advice about their legality and relevant police contacts has been provided by Tim.

The **Arena development** timetable is seen to be slipping. Steve has gathered an email list of people interested and a draft survey to circulate round Totterdown residents has been produced. It will be included in *Talk of Totterdown* and [a decision to ‘doorstep’ it too can be made.](#) TRESA could lobby the Arena developers to fund a survey circulated to all Totterdown houses; the findings from this, however, would not appear impartial as would an independent one.

There are likely to be single issue groups interested in raising S106 funding in connection with the development. The committee agreed that it is important that limited S106 funds should be spent on what the affected residents want it spent on and that funds should be targeted at alleviating adverse affects resultant from the development. The TRESA survey would therefore seek to establish genuine local concerns with a view to influencing how any S106 money is spent. [The survey should be constructed to ensure there are not multiple responses.](#)

The Oxford Pub –is now closed again. TRESA needs to keep up pressure to ensure residents’ needs are met when it re-opens. To this end Suzanne will maintain contact with its regional manager and report in *Talk of Totterdown*.

8 NEXT MEETING

Next open meeting : 7.30pm, 13th June at Bocabar